OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 25
Series of 2020

"OBSERVANCE OF CURFEW HOURS"

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 placing the entire country under a *"State of Public Health Emergency"*;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has confirmed that COVID-19 cases alarmingly increase daily due to local transmission. The DOH raised the alert system to **Code Red (Level 4), Sub-level 2**.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code expressly granted the local government units the powers which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the same law granted the local government units further powers as are necessary, appropriate or incidental to effective and efficient provision of the basic services such as, but not limited to, communicable diseases control services;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enforce mandatory community quarantine and social distancing in the city in order to abate the possible outbreak of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ERNESTO U. MATUGAS JR.**, *City Mayor*, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. **CURFEW HOURS** shall be observed every night from **9:00 P.M.** to **5:00 A.M.** within the territorial limits of Surigao City.

Section 2. **PERSONS COVERED:** All persons, regardless of age, gender and nationality, shall stay inside their homes or dwelling places during curfew hours.

Section 3. **BUSINESS COVERED:** All business establishments shall be closed during curfew hours. Restaurants, coffee shops, videoke houses, drinking bars, disco pubs, night clubs, spa & massage clinics, internet cafes, barbeque stalls, balut stands, fastfood chains, convenience stores, sari-sari stores, gas stations and similar businesses shall likewise be closed during such period.

Section 4. **VEHICLES & PUVs:** All private service vehicles shall be prohibited from roaming around the city during curfew hours. Public utility vehicles such as tricycles and multicabs shall likewise be prohibited to solicit and convey passengers during curfew hours.

Section 5. **EXCEPTIONS:** Health workers, emergency responders, maintenance crew of SURNECO & SMWD, security guards, police officers, other law enforcers, local officials and barangay tanods are allowed to go out their homes to perform their duties during curfew hours.

Hotels, hospitals, medical institutions, birthing facilities and pharmacies are allowed to remain open.

On emergency situations, private vehicles and PUVs may be allowed to bring persons to hospitals and other medical institutions within the city.

Section 6. VIOLATORS: Any person found roaming around the city streets during curfew hours without legitimate purpose shall be apprehended and be brought immediately to their respective homes. If such person has no home in the city, he/she shall be kept at the PNP station and shall be released only by 5:00 A.M.

Section 7. SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS PERMITS AND FRANCHISES: Business permits of establishments and franchises of PUVs found operating during curfew hours shall be suspended.

Section 8. TWO ROUNDS OF SIREN: The siren at the Luneta shall be sounded for two (2) rounds to alert all persons of the start of the curfew hours at 9:00 P.M. every night.

Section 9. BARANGAYS: All Punong Barangays shall lead their tanods in the implementation of this Order within their respective barangays.
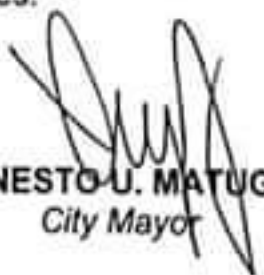
Section 10. PNP: The Philippine National Police – Surigao City Police Station is hereby directed to enforce this Order. The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall also assist the PNP in the rescue of minors violating this order.

Section 11. PUBLIC INFORMATION: The Media, Information and Communication Office (MICO) shall cause the widest dissemination of this Order through local radio stations (AM & FM), local newspapers and the social media.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY: This Executive Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect unless revoked when the situation improves.

So ORDERED.

Done this March 17, 2020 at Surigao City, Philippines.

ERNESTO U. MATUGAS JR.
City Mayor